



Arlington Conservation Commission Water Bodies Working Group

Date: January 2, 2020

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Department of Planning and Community Development, Town Hall Annex
730 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington, MA

Minutes

Attendance: *Chuck Tirone, Susan Chapnick, David White, and Emily Sullivan.*

12/5/2019 and 12/19/2019 Meeting Minutes

The Working Group reviewed the meeting minutes from 12/5/2019 and 12/19/2019.

McClennen Detention Basins

S. Chapnick has been leading the monitoring efforts for the McClennen Park Detention Basins. S. Chapnick summarized that the monitoring analysis indicates that the observed iron flocculation does not constitute a condition of readily apparent harm to the ecosystem. However, some sediment data exceeded MassDEP sediment screening level benchmarks for arsenic, lead, and zinc and several surface water samples exceeded the National Recommended Water Quality Criteria for iron. The consultants who performed the analysis did not know the sources of contamination. The Conservation Commission does not have a regulatory obligation to report the data listed above, but S. Chapnick has sent the reports and data to the Office of Solid Waste and requested guidance on how to proceed.

Water Bodies Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

The Working Group reviewed the FY2020 budget spent year-to-date, and what additional costs are anticipated in the remainder of FY2020.

Water Bodies Fiscal Year 2021 Request and Warrant Article

The Working Group discussed how much it would request for appropriation in FY2021. The Working Group agreed that it would request \$65,000 from the Finance Committee. The Working Group agreed that this funding would be used to treat Spy Pond, the Reservoir, and Hill's Pond. The funding will also be used to develop a Reservoir Management Plan, similar to the Spy Pond Management Plan developed in FY2020. Funding will also be allocated to finishing up the McClennen Detention Basins project. D. White volunteered to draft language for the warrant article.

Water Bodies Annual Report

E. Sullivan will send around the 2019 draft report for revision.

RFQ for Arlington Reservoir Management Plan

The Working Group agreed to send any revisions to D. White.

Water Bodies Education Opportunities

C. Tirone stated that the MA Congress of Lake and Pond Associations holds an annual conference that may be informative for the Water Bodies Working Group. The conference is usually held in April. E. Sullivan will monitor the conference website for more information as it is published.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.